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**MEMORANDUM** 

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Notice of Board of Livestock Milk Assessment Rule Committee Meeting

To all interested parties,

The Milk Assessment Rule Committee of the Board of Livestock will be meeting on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in the Department of Livestock Conference Room (Scott Hart Building) in Helena. The purpose of the meeting will be to analyze data gathered on the prudent costs of our program of FDA compliance. From this data we hope we can determine one or more options for adjustments we can make in the current administrative rule that will allow our revenues to meet the needed expenses for Fiscal Year 2017. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Board of Livestock on May 11<sup>th</sup> at their scheduled meeting for potential approval. If a solution is approved by the Board on May 11<sup>th</sup> it will have to go out for a period of public comment before official adoption.

This meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> will be open to the public and will welcome those that are impacted by this fee to be a part of the conversation. If you plan to attend please let Donna Wilham, <u>dwilham@mt.gov</u>, know by April 28<sup>th</sup> so that we can make sure we have enough space.